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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

According to the Office Action of February 15, 2002, restriction to one of the following disclosed groups of the claimed invention is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-32, drawn to a shock and vibration absorbing system, classified in class 267, subclass 136;
- II. Claim 33, drawn to an automobile bumper, classified in class 293, subclass 102;
- III. Claim 34, drawn to a seismic isolation assembly, classified in class 52, subclass 167.1; and,
- IV. Claims 35-40, drawn to a track system, classified in class 104, subclass 89.

Applicants provisionally elect (without traverse) Group I for prosecution on the merits, namely claims 1-32 directed to a system and a method of absorbing shock and vibration.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney regarding this Response or about any other issue.

Dated: March 7, 2002

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**TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith is a Response To Restriction Requirement submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on February 15, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application. The deadline for responding to the Office Action is March 15, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is being timely submitted.

No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with the filing of this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary to file this Response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0540. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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